

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Gilbert Grosvenor, June 13, 1912

1331 CONNECTICUT AVENUE WASHINGTON, D.C. June 13 1912. Mr. G. H. Grosvenor, National Geographic Society, Washington. D.C. Dear Mr. Grosvenor,

Thanks for your note of June 11 enclosing active membership of the A.A.P.T.S.D. for the full year 1911, and the income derived from membership dues and subscriptions to the Review for the same year.

I enclose a report made to the Board at the Rochester Meeting, summer of 1911, which gives such different returns for that year from those now supplied that I think it would be well for you to look into the cause of the difference before I print the present returns in the Review.

Membership Reported June 1911

991 active members had paid their dues on or before May 16, 1911.

121 active members had not then paid their dues. Total active members on May 16, 1911 — 1112. There were also reported 146 subscriptions, of which all but 13 had been paid by May 16, 1911.

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Thus it was reported in June 1911 that 991 members had paid their dues on or before May 16, 1911; whereas you now report that only 933 members had paid their dues for the full year of 1911. There is something wrong here, and I don't want to put print the result until we know the cause of the discrepancy.

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Then you reported June 19, 1911, that the income derived from membership dues and subscriptions up to that date (June 19, 1911) amounted to \$3050.00. You now report that the income derived from membership dues and subscriptions to the Review for the full year 1911 was \$2143.00 a difference of nearly \$1000.00 (\$907)

Please look into this matter at once. The July Review is in the printers' hands, and I do not want to print figures that we may have to recall.

Yours sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell 1 enclosure Members 1035. 2071.09 Subscribers 276. 276.12 Life members 650. 650 2961. 2997.21